

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in this patent application. By this amendment, claim 1 has been canceled, and claims 2, 8, 12, and 14 have been amended. Reconsideration of this patent application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 18-20 were allowed.

Claims 2-17 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Such rewriting has been done in accord with the Examiner's suggestion. Thus, claims 2-17 are believed to be in proper form for allowance.

### **35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection**

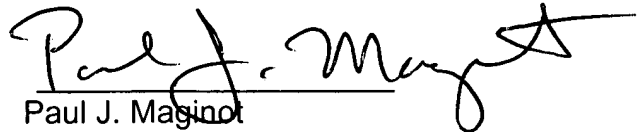
Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Simmen (U.S. Patent No. 5,776,258). Claim 1 has been canceled.

## Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Action to that end is hereby solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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